Rules; duly observing the provisions of reservation and after following the prescribed procedure for promotion/recruitment as the case may be Regularisation in any other manner is not permissible.

Visit of Foreign Dignitaries after attack on Parliament

*120. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the foreign dignitaries who have visited India during December and January 2001 and 2002 respectively especially after attack on Parliament by the terrorists on 13th december, 2001;

(b) the details of the discussions and agreement on various issues especially the countries view on cross border terrorism; and

(c) the stand of those countries thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) The details of the visits to India of foreign dignitaries at the level of Head of state, Heads of Government and Foreign Minister during December 2001 and January 2002, especially after the attack on the Indian Parliament on December 13, 2001, are contained in the Statement (*see* below)

During the visits, wide ranging discussions were held on bialateral, global and other issues of mutual interest. This included an exchange of views on international terrorism. We emphasised the threat posed by cross border terrorism. There was agreement on the need to condemn all forms of terrorism, to combat terrorists and those who sponsor and abet them. There was agreement also on implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1373 which contains comprehensive measures to combat terrorism, as also to ratify and implement all UN sectoral conventions on terrorism.

Statement

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Visits by Heads of State / Government

(i) Mr. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, December 22-24, 2001.

(ii) Rt. hon. Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, January 4-7, 2002

(iii) H.E. Mr. Zhu Rongji, Premier of the State Council of the people's Republic of China, January 13-18, 2002

(iv) H.E. Mr. Cassam Uteem, President of Mauritius, January 24 to February 2, 2002

Visits by Foreign Ministers

(i) Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, Foreign Minister designate of Afghanistan, December 12-19, 2001

(ii) Mr. Shimon Peres, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Israel, January 7-9, 2002

(iii) Dr. David Manley, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada, January 20—22, 2002

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Disbursal of loans by KVIC

754. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission is granting loan to provide employment to persons from weaker section through Khadi Boards; and

(b) if so, the amount distributed and persons benefited during the last two years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has not been conceived as a financial institution.The institutions are encouraged to take loans from the nationalised Banks.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of handmade paper

755. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether KVIC has any action plan to promote production of hand made paper in Andhra Pradesh which is very popular abroad;